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Introduction

An example of a *paradigm shift* happened for many people during and after the unexpected global financial crisis of 2008. That crisis had been forecasted by independent analysts for some time before it happened, but few people paid heed to their warnings. Virtually until the last moment, mainstream economic forecasters

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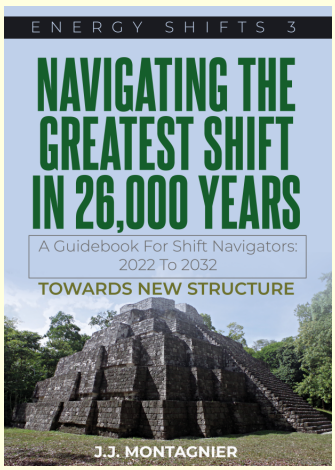

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continued to paint a rosy picture while ignoring the evident-enough signs of an impending economic crisis.

Although usually unexpected, financial crises *do* happen. They are not obscure or unknown events. In fact, wise people expect them to roll around every once in a while. In the case of the financial crash of 2008, the Dot-Com crash that happened before that in 2001 was still etched on the minds of people who had worked in the IT sector at that time. Hence, when the 2008 crisis hit not absolutely everyone was surprised by the unfolding events.

'Instant' Paradigm Shifts

Many ideas were floated about what could (or would) happen on, or around, December 21, 2012 – some of them bordering on the fantastic: duality would disappear, the magnetic poles would switch positions or shift, instant telepathy would ensue, volcanoes would pop, earthquakes would shake and tectonic plates would shift. Nothing of the sort happened on that day, and the result was an epic let-down for many people who had expected *an instant paradigm shift [1]*. Thus, most people lost further interest and got on with their lives.

A Hypothetical Paradigm Shift

An example of *a hypothetical paradigm shift* would be if we had to revert from our present-day, modern, industrial-age lifestyles to pre-industrial, traditional, agriculture-oriented lifestyles in a relatively short period of time, say, within a decade or two. However, having to live with limited access to electricity, for example, or without machinery or automation would, perhaps, be just too far-fetched an idea to contemplate.

Going back in time in practice would be completely counter-intuitive to what we would normally conceive of as going forward, which would be to always use more advanced technologies. In our time, paradigm shifts are thought of as always being linear events, like all jobs being taken over by robots – which is a shift that would require using *more* electricity not less, even when framed within the context of 'sustainable development'.

The Shifts of the Short Ages

The rest of this chapter is not about the above types of *paradigm shifts*, although they *are* relevant and worth bearing in mind. It's about *metaphysical energy shifts* that result in *real-world paradigm shifts.*

In the context of the *Maya calendars*, a shift happening from one *short age* (which consists of approximately 20 years), to the next one, would constitute *a mild paradigm shift*. Such a transition would happen within a short-enough time frame for most people to become aware that many things seem to be changing at the same time, which would make it seem as if time is speeding up; yet, actual changes would be happening slowly enough to not cause a shock to people's systems. Typically, there may be some resistance to some of the changes at first, but most people would eventually adapt to the new paradigm.

Older individuals who are more traditional and consciously autonomous, would usually assess social and cultural changes according to their own personal values, principles and ethics – which they had already clearly defined – and would then make conscious decisions about going along with certain new trends or not. They may eventually settle somewhere in the middle, retaining some of their old ways and adopting some of the new ones, depending on what suits them best. However, younger people generally tend to go with the flow of new developments with little resistance.

Trends happening in post-modern societies are usually perceived within the context of moving forward, i.e. 'progressing'. Whether negative or positive, they are considered as

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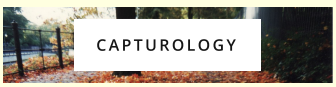

progress nonetheless – and when changes produce negative results they are considered as being the price that we have to pay for progress. That's because post-modern Western culture is not values-, principles- or ethics-based anymore, but trends-driven. Society, therefore, tends to go along with whatever new is taken up by society in general – and that's usually commercially driven.

Metaphysical Energies at Work

Few people are aware that there are also energetic movements at play in the universe which can influence real events and trends. On a higher level, metaphysical *energy seasons* can shape the *spirit of the age* (collective consciousness), and when *that* shifts it causes behavioural changes in people's ways of thinking which are reflected in their attitudes. These changes are usually most clearly reflected in group attitudes.

By having done away with traditional internal structures in the form of value systems which would usually regulate external conduct, group consciousness is nowadays much more prone to being affected by the negative aspects of the *spirit of an age* than before. Today, technology – in the form of personal devices – provides a broadcasting channel for the boundary-less expression and projection of the negative as much as for the positive elements of an age.

Decadeology vs. Katunology

When we consult extensive online discussions about cultural changes over the decades – a practice known as 'decadeology' – we find that there is consensus in forums dedicated to the subject of when major cultural shifts took place.

The objective of *decadeology* is to identify the distinctive cultural *spirit of the age* of each decade, for example, how 80's culture differed from 90's culture. However, 'decadeologists' seem to accept that *decadeology* is not an exact science, because cultural shifts rarely seem to happen exactly at the beginning or ending of Gregorian calendar decades.

Katuns vs Decades

A Maya *katun* measures 19.7 years, and a *half-katun* measures 9.85 years. The midpoint of a *katun* indicates a peak. The two sides (halves) of a *katun* are slightly different in character from each other, due to ascending and descending energies. Lengthwise, *half-katuns* are almost equivalent to *decades* but are almost never exactly synchronised with the start or end dates of decades. When decades are compared with *half-katuns*, it can be observed that cultural shifts tend to take place around dates closely matching *katun* and *half-katun* shift points.

Maya "katunology" could, therefore, be considered as being more accurate than Gregorian *decadeology*, because *katunology* is based on finely calculated energy shifts corroborated by centuries of observation, is recorded in mythology, and is also embedded in the symbolism of the archetypes and numbers (known as *tones)* in the Maya calendars based on ancient cyclic time. The Gregorian calendar, however, does not imply any energy shifting, and it does not contain any symbolism.

We can conclude, then, that the cultural shifts observed and recorded by *decadeologists* are unbeknown to them, more than likely, *katun-related energy shifts,* but observed and placed within the context of *decades* (this will be illustrated further).

Transition Time Frames

When considering some of the actual cultural shifts of past decades by using discussions in the *decadeology* community as a source, we can get a feeling for the duration of time

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that real-world cultural shifts took to occur. This may give us a sense of the impact that shifting metaphysical energy can have on group psychology and group consciousness for reasons already explained. On average, energy shifts appear to take between two years and four years to complete, due to overlap each way.

The famous Maya calendar symbolic shift point of December 21, 2012 signified both a *katun* shift point in the Maya's *Short Count Calendar*, as well as a shift point between two *Great Cycles* (which last 5,125 years each) in their *Long Count Calendar*. However, the energy of the new *katun* took until around mid-2014 or, perhaps, a bit later to really show itself.

In comparison, the *Great Cycle shift* from the Maya *Fourth* to *Fifth World* will take around 200 more years to reach completion when factoring in its combined transition, gestation and maturation stages. The transition period alone is likely to take around 40 years (as discussed in *The Valley of Shadows in the Landscape of Light*).

Instant Paradigm Shifts (revisited)

Instant paradigm shifts are, therefore, very rare occurrences, because (the point being made above is that) even shifts between short 19.7-year *katun-ages* can take as long as three to four years to unfold.

From a Jungian perspective, periodic expectations for instant paradigm shifts more than likely stem from archetypal impulses within human consciousness. Certain archetypes that exists within our psyches (on an individual and on a group level) subconsciously recognise or pick up on imminent energy shifts, but our consciousness is unable to interpret the duration of time that shifts would take to complete or when changes would manifest in practice. Hence, expectations for instant shifts are triggered.

These instinctual archetypal early-warning impulses are – most probably – subconscious markers and indicators that have the purpose of prompting us into action. However, working out how we should act in preparation for *imminent change* is something that has to be done *consciously* on an intellectual level, and it has then to be applied on a practical level. It's a challenging prospect, though, when one doesn't have a clear picture of what the changes would entail. For that reason most people tend to remain in "the sky-is-falling" phase.

An Age of Polarity

Today, in 2017 (at the time of writing), the polarity of *Katun 2 Ahau* (2012-2032) is clear to see, but the arrival of such strong duality with tangible polarisation as a result has been counter-intuitive to the expectations that many people had for a post-2012 world, i.e. a linear progression towards *harmony.* One of the reasons for expectations of natural continuity was that the previous *katun, Katun 4 Ahau* (1993-2012), was relatively well balanced in nature.

However, evolution is not linear; it is cyclical. The fact that our Western civilisation makes use of a modern, non-cyclical (Gregorian) calendar means that the vast majority of people have been out of the energy-loop. If more attention were paid to *katun-shifts* as opposed to mainly the *Great Cycle* shift, and if it were not approached solely from a linear perspective, we might have been more prepared for the very high levels of polarisation that we can observe almost everywhere right now.

Having said that, even non-linearity has energetic continuity by design; energetically speaking, *Katun 4 Ahau* (the previous 20-year period) had the natural purpose of preparing us for *Katun 2 Ahau* (the current 20-year period). During the spiritual and balanced *Katun 4 Ahau*, we were being prepared for the volatile dualism and materialism of *Katun 2 Ahau.*

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Spiritually speaking, this could also be viewed from the perspective of human souls being in training. The personal development that had been achieved on an individual level during *Katun 4 Ahau* (in the case of older people) is now being tested on a group level in *Katun 2 Ahau.* For example, do we allow ourselves to be swept up in identity politics (which is a form of group-think), or are we able to remain individually autonomous enough to act only in accordance with our personal value systems?

Younger people who have not experienced *Katun 4 Ahau* can still benefit from both *katuns* as they have the advantage of learning directly from the volatile energies of the present *katun-age* – while they can also benefit from the *spirit of the age* of the previous *katun* should selectively access the positive elements of that age through some of its cultural artefacts which can be found in some of its television series, books, cinema and art.

Shift Point 1993: Katun 6 Ahau (1973-1993) shifts to Katun 4 Ahau (1993-2012)

Let's imagine the example of someone who had become stranded on an isolated island with no communications from mid-1991 to mid-1995 – a time period of around four years which consists of the *shift point in 1993* in the centre, with an energy overlap of more or less two years each way. Before being rescued and being returned to society in 1995, this person would have been under the impression that things could not have changed very much since they left.

In the meantime, while they were away, trends – such as music, fashion, technology, and attitudes – had shifted significantly, to the extent that by 1995 they fully embodied the general trends of the 1990s as opposed to those of the late '80s and very early '90s. Our returnee might have been quite surprised to find so many things being so different 'all of a sudden'. Nevertheless, having to adapt to this *new paradigm* on their return would not have thrown them off-balance completely – notwithstanding the probable *light culture shock* that they were experiencing. Things were different but not *completely* different.

There seems to be a relatively strong consensus among *decadeologists* that the actual cultural shift point between the '80s and '90s only happened in 1993, and not in 1990 as one would have expected [2][3][4][6]. The year 1993 just happens to be the exact shift point from *Katun 4 Ahau* to *Katun 2 Ahau* in the Maya *Short Count Calendar.*

The Spirit of the Age: Katun 4 Ahau (1993-2012)

By 1995, the general atmosphere in the developed world incorporated some or all of the following characteristics: a general positive outlook for the future and a sense that peace was increasing in the world (it was post-Cold War and politically, culturally and socially the world was warming up again); a relatively good level of civility and courtesy among people and a live-and-let-live philosophy; strong individuality in the sense of personal autonomy; a relatively good level of trust among people; a relatively strong concern for the environment; mostly free-range childhoods; and just the right amount of technology [3][5] so that it did not take over people's lives completely.

Spirituality seemed to be in revival, and books such as *The Alchemist* and *The Celestine Prophecy* were popular. The television series *Friends* as growing in popularity and would later become one of the most watched television series of all time. The film *Groundhog Day* was notable for its depiction of the trials and tribulations of personal development in a humorous and entertaining way.

Shift Point 2012: Katun 4 Ahau (1993-2012) shifts to Katun 2 Ahau (2012-2032)

Let's return to our example of a castaway with no communications, but this time let's imagine that the person was away from mid-2010 to mid-2014 – also, a time period of four years. The actual *shift point was in 2012,* but the transition took a couple of years to manifest and there was some overlap each way.

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Upon returning in 2014, our ex-castaway would probably have been surprised to see virtually everyone, young and old, walking around with Smartphones. That trend had already started in 2010, but it was much less ubiquitous back then. However, by 2014, social networking had more or less completely taken over all social and non-professional communications.

As for music, art, fashion and creativity, there seems to be a consensus on *decadeology* forums about the lack of many new or original happenings and that there was a general lack of quality in the early- and mid-2010s [6].

The Spirit of the Age: Katun 2 Ahau (2012-2032)

By mid-2014, and especially by the start of 2015, the general atmosphere in the developed world already incorporated some of the following characteristics: a general negative outlook for the future and a growing sense that peace was decreasing in the world (the year 2014 was a record year for world conflicts [8][9]); a much-deteriorated level of civility and courtesy among people, especially online; a victim-hood mentality with the attitude that the world and other people owed people something; weak individuality in terms of personal autonomy combined with high levels of group conformity and finding personal identity in group identity; rapidly deteriorating levels of trust among people; a limited concern for the environment; childhoods featuring parents being overprotective on the one hand and outsourcing their parenting to teachers and personal devices on the other; and personal technologies having generally more or less completely taken over people's lives [5][6][7].

Other impacting features were gender relations taking a turn for the worse; race relations deteriorating; sectarian, cultural and religious conflicts and their negative effects dominating the news more than ever; and protests, especially in the developed world, visibly increasing – and becoming ever more violent [7]. While some of these protests seemed to have legitimate causes, others seemed to be for superficial or artificial reasons, and it often came across as if people were protesting "for the sake of it" or simply to be part of recreational group activities.

The Book *Fifty Shades of Grey* crossed the 100 million sales mark in 2014, whilst, among others, television series such as *Black Mirror* and *Game of Thrones* were getting huge ratings. On the big screen, *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1* was raking it in at the box office.

The Yin and Yang of the Katuns

Naturally, neither of the above *katun snapshots* tells the whole story – all ages have their positives and negatives and, indeed, their ups and downs. However, the atmosphere of *Katun 4 Ahau* was well balanced in general, while *Katun 2 Ahau* is rather unbalanced in comparison, to put it mildly.

From a Maya calendar perspective, the *spirit of the age* of each of these two examples conforms on a basic level to the symbolism found in their numbers known as *Tones* in the Maya calendars*: Tone 4* generally results in a balanced and harmonious atmosphere, while *Tone 2* can mean a doubling in strength of duality and polarity.

That's not to say that positive things are not also happening during our volatile times, but the positives are clearly less evident than the negatives in this particular *spirit of the age,* compared with that of the one before. This is for cyclic reasons.

Dealing with Duality

On the surface of it then, with having some perspective on how the present *spirit of the age* differs from the one before, it should not be too difficult for us to conclude that there

are various things that we can do in order to work with the elevated levels of polarity that are present in this age.

More than anything, a starting point for each individual could be *to define their personal values clearly.* Continuously shifting energy, a strong feature of *Katun 2 Ahau,* is likely to test *individual integrity* and *group values* on a regular basis by *highlighting inconsistencies, double standards and hypocrisy.*

With the influence of the *Yuga Cycle's Subsubyuga Shift* assisting in exposing inconsistencies, the ideal energetic circumstances have been created by the universe to prompt the clarifying and refining of personal values and personal beliefs, whether ideological or otherwise.

Learning how to clearly distinguish between right and wrong in reference to one's own conscience is, after all, one of the very objectives of the presence of duality and polarity within our paradigm here on Earth, considering that this is *a training ground* for traversing human souls (as discussed in the series; *Earth: A Greenhouse for Soul-Seeds).*

Paradigm Balancers and Pillar Raisers

There are also other things we can do to avoid falling into the natural traps of polarisation. We could revert to levels of etiquette and social behaviour as practised during *Katun 4 Ahau*; we could treat people online in the same way as we treat people off-line; we can set boundaries, show respect and insist on mutual respect in return; we can wean ourselves off excessive use of personal technologies and set time aside for personal development; we can assume more personal responsibility in shaping our social culture; and we can foster self-responsibility within our children and promote that in society in general, thereby *dissolving the all-pervasive victimhood culture* present in the developed world today.

The Tzolkin as a Guidance System

Positive values, traits and characteristics are naturally embedded in the energies of the days in the sacred Maya *Tzolkin Calendar.* By following the *Tzolkin* on a daily basis and by paying attention to the higher qualities contained in the combined energies of each day, we can acquire, embrace and come to embody natural, organic and consistent universal values that would not only serve our own selves but would also serve our communities and our environment, regardless of which *katun* we find ourselves in.

This process would strengthen conscious personal autonomy and individual identity by getting to know our intrinsic archetypal traits on an individual level. Moreover, it would make us more prepared for dealing with some of the real paradigm shifts that we will be encountering during the rest of this *katun* and the one that will follow.

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Debra REPLY

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Thanks for the insight, Jacques! Your desert island analogy really helped to put this in perspective. in lak'ech, Debra

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Jean-Jacques REPLY

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Glad it helped, Debra!
In lak'ech
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Katharine Otto REPLY

7 YEARS AGO

JJ,

While the year of 2012 is significant from a symbolic point of view, event created an instant paradigm shift from cheerful to fearful, a happened in the middle of the dot.com bust, and Entron's collapse the following month. Many of the victim-thinking seeds were sown but they have grown into weeds since, with the witch-hunt for terr growing prison population, drug explosion, and the general paran all feeding off each other.

I responded to your comment on my blog about the above intervie Genku Kimura. He seems to link 2012 with the incoming Age of Aq astrological terms). The age would show itself in things Aquarian, l of man (universal and detached rather than personal love), electro communication, including mental telepathy. As "fixed air" it is scier inclined to be rigid. Iconoclastic. Co-rulers Saturn and Uranus, sug chaos, or chaos periodically upsetting order. Saturn castrated his f was forever fearful that his own children would do the same to hir

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By the way, in astrology, the moon's nodes complete a cycle every nodes symbolize karma, and the direction a person needs to grow

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Jean-Jacques REPLY

7 YEARS AGO

Katharine, very good points – yes, that event was indeed a paradigm shift – I'm sure a complete, almost instant paradigm shift in the U.S. Even outside the U.S. the global atmosphere was markedly changed afterwards.

Very interesting points about the Age of Aquarius! Thank you for sharing – your description definitely matches what seems to be happening right now with technology and iconoclasm and the general trends. I will look into this – please let me know if you have any links.

My feeling from reading some of the Mayan forecasts is that later on in the New Age, some of these things may be left behind – for example mass technologies – because most of them have a negative impact on the planet – also, we may experience power problems in terms of energy (electricity generation) in the future, so we are likely to – to a certain extent – have to revert back to traditional living – on a practical level.

Thank you also for the mention of the 19.5 year moon nodes cycle – something new to me too – my knowledge on Western Astrology is rather limited.

I think being able to distinguish between "wrong and right" is necessary in order to develop morality – and to evolve. Morality is necessary as a component of human development: on a spiritual level. (It has its shadow side too however, in the form

of puritanism – as we can see a lot today in relation to the applic
zealous political correctness.)

Here is a very interesting talk on morality by Yasuhiko Genko Kir
the Involution and Evolution point of view – not sure I agree with
says, but he certainly makes a good case for why we need moral
important it is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUvcvzvEnrc

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Katharine Otto REPLY

7 YEARS AGO

JJ,
I watched the video but have a slightly different view about morality, because animals are essentially amoral, from a human perspective, but they seem to have their own standards of right and wrong. I like to claim all animals gather at the watering hole. There is a give-and-take in nature that we humans only dimly understand and appreciate even less.

I'm thinking of writing a blog about astrology, because there are so many misconceptions. Glad you appreciate the tidbits I've passed on. There's not much on the internet about it, at least nothing I would recommend.

About the mass technologies . . . we may leave them behind. Another aspect of the Aquarian Age is the development of mental telepathy and "psychic sciences."

Finally, you may like the Seth series, by Jane Roberts. Seth is a discarnate "energy essence" channeled by medium Jane Roberts, whose husband took verbatim notes when she went into trance. The first is "Seth Speaks," but my favorite is "The Nature of Personal Reality." The books cover a broad range of subjects, but I've found over and over that they support what I believe and take the thoughts further.

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Jean-Jacques REPLY

7 YEARS AGO

Katharine, thank you for your comment. There is, as you say, a give and take principle in nature in terms of the ecosystem, but some animals also serve as food for other animals. To use the watering hole analogy: all the non-predators come and drink together, but there are often crocodiles lurking just beneath the surface and lions waiting in the bush, just a few yards or metres away.

(Modern) Humans however, find themselves at the top of the chain in the ecosystem in relation to other animals, and have grown a sense of superiority in terms of "ruling" over all – and it is this sense of superiority that is causing it (the human race) to

destroy the planet and its own ecosystem and thereby committi

Indigenous peoples used to (and still do) revere animals as sacre
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thing – if it does not manage to tame it. Animals function on inst
instinct is much diminished and the ego has replaced it in terms

Humans are still in development, and we have not reached a sta
can naturally step over our egos – once we reach that stage we
our whole and authentic Self – in the meantime it takes years of
dedication (personal development / spiritual growth) for an indiv
stage where he or she can step over (or side-step) ego sufficient
into ego politics that permeates all levels of human interaction a
interaction with our environment.

This new paradigm that we are slowly going into will demand de
inner work. Most people are still waiting for instant paradigm sh
transform them in a flash, but that's not how it works.

Each individual's Authentic Self can only be reached through dee
(and a few hard knocks in life), but there is no culture of introspe
developed world, which is why so many people [even more than
introduction of mass technologies*] project so much [*because
space/time for introspection than before]. By projecting upon ot
responsibilities are rejected on a consistent basis – and there is
for conscience to fully come into play either – for the same reas

On telepathy – yes, I think that is a very likely development – and
inclined to think that all the mass technologies that people are
addicted to, are actually limiting them from tuning into telepathy
likely to be(come) accessible without so much self-imposed elect
interference.

On channelling – I tend to take a Jungian view on it, which is that
channelled is most likely from the deep unconscious (sub-consci
remember well, Jung viewed this as repressed components deep
psyche (split off parts, coming to the fore), so it is not (in Jung's c
channelled from outside, but from within. So, I tend to view the
perspective.

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